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EXDIS - FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANY

1. I SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SACASA TODAY. THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A 6:30-8:30 BLACK TIE RECEPTION FOR YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER AT THE PAN AMERICAN UNION. I PROPOSED THE DATE ON WHICH YOU HAD ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED A RECEPTION HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, I.E., JANUARY 13. SEVILLA-SACASA WAS DELIGHTED WITH THAT. HE SAYS THAT HE PROPOSES TO INVITE ACCREDITED CHIEFS OF MISSION PLUS "SOME OF YOUR MANY FRIENDS AROUND WASHINGTON".

CONFIRM JANUARY 13 FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS RECEPTION

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2. TOM BRADEN QUALIFIED FOR THE ORDER OF PERSISTENCE, FIRST CLASS, BY CALLING AGAIN TO ASK WHETHER YOU WOULD AGREE TO SCHEDULE THE 30-MINUTE LIVE CANADIAN RADIO INTER-
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VIEW WITH HIM DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 13. YOU WILL RECALL

THAT THIS IS TO BE DONE AT 11 P.M. REPEAT P.M. I CONTINUE
TO FEEL THAT BREAKING THE "NO INTERVIEW" LINE FOR BRADEN
WILL VISIT YOU WITH A POX OF OTHER REQUESTS, BUT IT CAN BE

DONE ALMOST ANY EVENING OF THAT WEEK IF YOU WISH TO.
BRADEN NEEDS FOUR TO FIVE DAYS NOTICE TO SET THINGS UP.
OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST IS THE FACT THAT HIS REACTION
WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD PROPOSE IT TO YOU FOR THE
WEEK OF THE 13TH, WAS A RATHER PHILOSOPHICAL, SHOULDER-
SHRUGGING, "OH WELL, IF IT DOESN'T WORK, THEN MAYBE
LATER".

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF 13TH

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3. THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS ARE ANXIOUS TO PIN DOWN THE
TIMING FOR THE CEREMONY INDUCTING YOU AS AN HONORARY
"GLOBETROTTER; AND FOR PRESENTATION OF AN AUTOGRAPHED
BASKETBALL AND UNIFORM. THEY ARE AS YOU KNOW PREPARED
EITHER TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION IN YOUR OFFICE, OR TO
ARRANGE A SMALL LUNCH OR DINNER ON DECEMBER 20, 21, OR 22.
THEY DO NOT HAVE STRONG FEELINGS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,
ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MUCH NOTICE AS
POSSIBLE IF THEY ARE TO ARRANGE A MEAL. I BELIEVE--AS
LARRY HAS SEPARATELY RECOMMENDED TO YOU--THAT THE OFFICE
PRESENTATION WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. IT COULD IN FACT
MAKE A CONSIDERABLY BETTER EVENT FOR THE CAMERAS THAN A
SIT-DOWN MEAL.

AGREE TO OFFICE PRESENTATION IN DECEMBER, AT A TIME TO BE
DETERMINED

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4. CARL ARNOLD, WHO YOU MAY RECALL IS THE PRESIDENT OF
THE BOHEMIAN GROVE IN CALIFORNIA, CALLED TO SAY THAT YOU
HAD SUGGESTED HE MIGHT COME TO WASHINGTON--FOR HIS FIRST-
EVER VISIT--TO BE YOUR GUEST AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION. HE
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HOW BEST TO PERSUADE
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PRESIDENT FORD TO COME TO THE ENCAMPMENT OF THE GROVE NEXT
SUMMER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT COMMITMENT YOU MAY OR MAY NOT
HAVE MADE TO ARNOLD IN THE BONHOMIE OF THE BOHEMIAN GROVE,
BUT WE COULD EASILY INVITE HIM TO YOUR RECEPTION ON
JANUARY 12 FOR CONGRESS AND THE PRESS. YOU MIGHT WANT TO
SUPPLEMENT THAT WITH AN INVITATION TO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH.

INVITE ARNOLD TO JANUARY 12 RECEPTION

SCHEDULE ARNOLD FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH AS WELL

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5. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE NEWS
REPORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT TRIED TO BLOW ITSELF UP THIS
MORNING.....AND FAILED. ROBINSON

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